

**Issues/Programs Report**  
**Q1'21**  
**Radio 1300 WKQK**  
**Cocoa Beach, FL**

**ISSUES:**

WKQK has identified the following as significant issues of interest to our community during this quarter; as noted below, some issues listed were addressed by more than one special weekly feature:

1. Support for Child Caregivers: How the need is addressed in our community to provide guidance and support to children's caregivers.
2. Preserving Our Military Heritage: The importance of a local organization that ensures the preservation of military aircraft in Brevard County.
3. Support for Seniors: Highlighting county-wide services in support of senior citizens.
4. Veterans Support Organizations: How organizations in Brevard provide support and services to veterans of our armed forces.
5. Wildlife Conservation: Resources in our community that help ensure that wildlife in Brevard County survive and thrive.
6. Arts and Culture: The importance of the arts and other representations of culture in our community.
7. Technical Education Initiatives: How our community supports the availability of hgh-tech education in Brevard County.

**ISSUES DISCUSSION AND PROGRAMMING:**

WKQK specifically addressed the issues listed above and delineated below via its weekly *Brevard at Large* community affairs program:

**1. Support for Child Caregivers**

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Mary Ann Sterling, Founder & Executive Director and Lil Hobson, Chief Volunteer Officer  
Broadcast January 31, 2021, 7:02:39-8:00:31

Ms. Sterling and Ms. Hobson described in detail their organization and explained the situations in which grandparents find themselves raising their childrens' children. They elaborated on the information, support, and resources this organization provides to grandparents who have stepped up to raise a child in need.

## **2. Preserving Our Military Heritage**

Valiant Air Command. Terry Rush, Valiant Air Command/TICO Warbird Museum  
Broadcast February 7, 2021, 7:02:30-8:00:26

Terry Rush shared with our audience the gem that is the Valiant Air Command/TICO Warbird Museum and how it preserves the history of military aircraft.

## **3. Support for Seniors**

One Senior Place. Barbara Fradkin, Director, Founder, Executive Director, & Certified  
Broadcast March 14, 2021, 7:00:54-8:00:14  
Broadcast March 28, 2021, 7:00:17-7:59:48

Ms. Fradkin discussed the importance of their organization, One Senior Place, in providing information, referrals, and activities to individuals dealing with issues involving senior citizens.

## **4. Veterans Support Organizations**

Brevard Veterans Resource Network. Scott Robinson, Executive Director  
Broadcast February 21, 2021,7:00:42-8:00:50

Brevard Veterans Resource Network is a coalition of numerous organizations that provide support and services to military veterans. Mr. Robinson explained how the BVRN facilitates access to information and other resources for the many veterans who call Brevard County home.

## **5. Wildlife Conservation**

Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Kimberly King-Wrenn, Visitor Services Manager  
Broadcast January 17, 2021, 7:00:59-7:59:01

A positive byproduct of NASA's development of the Kennedy Space Center in our county is the 140,000-acre Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge, part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Ms. King-Wrenn discussed the many features and attractions of the refuge. She also said that the refuge provides a wide variety of habitats: coastal dunes, saltwater marshes, freshwater impoundments, scrub, pine flatwoods, and hardwood hammocks that provide habitat for more than 1,500 species of plants and animals and 15 federally listed species. This truly is a treasure located in our county.

Brevard Zoo. Keith Winsten, Executive Director  
Broadcast January 24, 2021, 7:00:07-7:59:35

Mr. Winsten detailed all the features of the Brevard Zoo and placed special emphasis on how the zoo provides the best possible care for the animals in its charge. Their motto is "Wildlife Conservation through Education and Participation." He discussed projects that help ensure healthy habitats and clean water in our area, and talked about the Sea Turtle Healing Center and Restore Our Shores, among others.

Space Coast Audobon Society: Jim Stahl, President  
Broadcast March 7, 2021, 7:02:15-8:04:39

Mr. Stahl discussed the amazing number of birds that call the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge home for at least part of the year. Birding is a popular pastime in Brevard County, largely because of the massive amount of land that is preserved as part of the Kennedy Space Center and the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station.

## **6. Arts and Culture**

Eau Gallie Arts District: Keenun Barley, Executive Director  
Broadcast March 21, 2021, 7:00:48-8:00:11

Mr. Barley explained the genesis of the Eau Gallie Arts District in Melbourne. When the City of Eau Gallie was annexed into Melbourne, the former downtown area was transformed into an historic arts district which today is frequented by thousands of visitors each year.

Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science: Holly Baker, Public History Coordinator  
Broadcast February 14, 2021, 7:00:14-8:01:52

Ms. Baker outlined the extensive offerings at this intriguing museum located near the Cocoa campus of Eastern Florida State College. The discussion included discussion of the history of our county in its development, as well as the kinds of flora and fauna dating back thousands of years in Brevard.

American Police Hall of Fame and Museum: Tara Engel, Vice President of Training and Strategic Development  
Broadcast January 10, 2021, 7:02:21-8:03:39

Ms. Engle explained that the American Police Hall of Fame and Museum is a unique facility located in Brevard County that honors nationwide the men and women in blue.

Surfside Players: Bryan Bergeron, Artistic Director  
Broadcast January 3, 2021, 7:03:16-8:06:53

The Surfside Players originated performances decades ago in the Cocoa Beach firehouse, and today presents dramas, comedies, and musicals in their own Surfside Playhouse. Mr. Bergeron discussed plans for this delightful community theater, even in uncertain times.

## **7. Technical Education Initiatives**

Computers Advancing Education: Fremont Bassett, Founder, and Phil Turner, Treasurer  
Broadcast February 28, 2021, 7:01:58-8:04:39

Our guests discussed the premise of their non-profit organization: to accept donated computers, refurbish them, and then give them away to students, non-profit organizations, and others in need, completely free of charge.

### **NOTES:**

Public Service Programming. WKQK provided in-depth information dissemination concerning COVID-19 via Public Service Announcements covering CDC recommended protection measures and precautions, state and local government shut down requirements, and the availability of COVID-19 testing and healthcare facilities' services.

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